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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

As an individual American, I never totally understood why the government filed an action against Microsoft. I'm sure somewhere there is some small violation as there would be with any business if you also really pried into their business or had competitor's cry foul because something made by Microsoft was better than what they had available.

Technology and other business areas have changed rapidly over the past years. Everyone was able to grow and expand due to technological advances. Microsoft was one of them and was also the provider of software that made the changes happen.

So as I see it, the creator of the Microsoft software made it better for everyone else and improved their produce at the same time to make it again better the everyone. This is how our society works, isn't it? Did the government file an antitrust action against refrigerator makers when they "bundled" the freezer with their product? Can you now buy a refrigerator without a freezer? Or how about all the ADD-ONS with automobiles! Maybe I don't want a battery, wanting to hand crank the car to start.

I use Microsoft software! Do you? Did the government in any way use Microsoft software to prepare the action filed against them?

Basically, I don't think it is right to impede with Microsoft and their developments. Without their developments over the years, where would we be? Without their developments in the future, where will we be? Leave innovation alone and be thankful someone developed it and will continue to develop more in the future.

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